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1. U.S. Patent No. 4,393,536 issued July 19, 1983.
2. U.S. Patent No. 4,573,236 issued March 4, 1986.
3. U.S. Patent No. 4,443,910 issued April 24, 1984.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, together with a copy of the foreign Search Report citing such documents.

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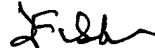
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